

CLAIMS:

1. A shaped product or structure for medical or related purposes, characterised in that it is formed from coral.
2. A product or structure according to claim 1, characterised in that the coral is of the species *Porites*.
3. A product or structure according to claim 1, characterised in that the coral is of the species *Acropora*.
4. A product or structure according to claim 3, characterised in that the coral is *Acropora grandis*.
5. A product or structure according to claim 1 which is a hardware item for medical or related purposes.
6. A product or structure according to claim 5, which is a cylinder, sleeve, pin, screw, bolt, nut, spacer, or flat or curved plate, for medical or related purposes.
7. A product or structure according to claim 1, which is a prosthetic or implant device.
8. A product or structure according to claim 1, wherein a therapeutically active substance is adsorbed or bound onto the coral.
9. A product or structure according to claim 8, wherein the therapeutically active substance is an antibiotic.

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